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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS
SUBJECT: SECRETARY GENERAL OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH ARRESTED

REF: SEOUL 6206

1. REFTEL REPORTED ARREST OF MINISTER OF KOREAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH JULY 21 IN PUYO. MINISTER ARRESTED, WHOSE CORRECT NAME IS REV. CHO YONG-SUL, HAD ACCUSED PRESIDENT PAK OF LEFTIST TENDENCIES.

2. REV. CHO'S ARREST LED TO SOME PRAYER MEETINGS DESIGNED TO URGE ROKG TO DEAL LENIENTLY WITH HIM. AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE KNCC HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS SET UP TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR HIS CASE. A PRAYER MEETING WAS ORGANIZED FOR AUGUST 18 AT WHICH COPIES OF REV. CHO'S SPEECH IN PUYO WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE ATTENDING. SECURITY FORCES INVESTIGATED AND LATE LAST WEEK ARRESTED REF. O CHUNG-IL, SEC GEN OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH, AS PERSON PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR CIRCULATION OF THE MATERIAL.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTEL REV. CHO'S SPEECH WAS SHARP PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRESIDENT PAK. RECIRCULATION OF HIS REMARKS BY REV. CHO EVIDENTLY CONSTITUTES REPCONFIDENTIAL

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TITION OF THE SAME ATTACK IN ROKG EYES. WHILE ROKG HAS SHOWN GREATER TOLERANCE IN THE FACE OF CRITICISIM OF POLITICAL SYSTEM RECENTLY, THE TOLERANCE EVIDENTLY DOES NOT EXTEND TO THOSE WHO QUESTION PRESIDENT'S PATRIOTISM.
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